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SUBJECT: KENYA SUPPORTS ARMED STRUGGLE IN RHODESIA

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1. KENYA PUBLICLY ENDORSED ARMED STRUGGLE IN RHODESIA IN FEBRUARY 2 STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER MUNYUA WAIYAKI AS REPORTED PRESS. CITING KENYA'S OWN EXPERIENCE, WAIYAKI ASSERTED THAT "ARMED STRUGGLE IS THE ONLY METHOD THAT SUCCEEDS AND IS RESPECTED BY THE ENTRENCHED SETTLER COLONIALISTS," AND THAT IT MUST BE INTENSIFIED IN ZIMBABWE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. MAIN THRUST OF STATEMENT WAS TO URGE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO BURY THEIR DIFFERENCES AND UNITE IN FACING SMITH REGIME, EITHER "AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE OR IN THE JUNGLES." THIS WAS WAIYAKI'S ONLY IMPLICIT REFERENCE TO POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATED PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

3. COMMENT: AS PREDICTED REF A, KENYA HAS FOLLOWED LEAD OF FRONTLINE STATES IN SUPPORTING VIOLENT STRUGGLE IN RHODESIA. WAIYAKI'S STATEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN SPARKED BY OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE SESSIONS REPORTED REF B, BUT AS MFA HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE PROVIDE TEXT OF STATEMENT, WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN. WHAT IS NOTABLE IS THAT ALTHOUGH WAIYAKI IN STATEMENT CALLED ON OAU MEMBER STATES TO ASSIST IN BRINGING ABOUT UNITY AMONG ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, HE APPARENTLY REFRAINED FROM SUPPORTING ONLY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

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